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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This is a Request for Information concerning the "Petition to Request Acceptance of Filing Date", filed March 7, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing dated March 4, 2002).

On petition, applicant has supplied a substitute specification with reformatted margins (as instructed in the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed January 28, 2002). However, to aid in consideration of the petition, petitioner is requested to submit a copy of the specification as originally submitted on November 14, 2001 (described on petitioner's postcard receipt as "Patent Application + 99pp"). Applicant should take care to mark the specification "COPY" so that the specification is not inadvertently initialized as a new application by the Initial Patent Examination Division. application by the Initial Patent Examination Division.

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Petitioner has ONE MONTH from the mail date of this Request for Information to reply. Thereafter, the petition will be considered on the basis of the evidence currently before the Office.

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